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FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

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BILL NUMBER: HB 1552

NOTE PREPARED: Jan 18, 2009

BILL AMENDED:

SUBJECT: Elected Library Boards.

FIRST AUTHOR: Rep. Leonard

FIRST SPONSOR:

BILL STATUS: As Introduced

FUNDS AFFECTED: ___GENERAL
DEDICATED
FEDERAL

IMPACT: Local

Summary of Legislation: The bill establishes a procedure to provide for the election of the board members of a Class 1 library.

Effective Date: July 1, 2009.

Explanation of State Expenditures:

Explanation of State Revenues:

Explanation of Local Expenditures: *Summary-* This bill would add to the administrative responsibilities of circuit court clerks, county election boards (CEB), and various library boards. The impact of this provision on local expenditures would depend on local action.

Initiation of Petition- Under the bill, a library board, the State Library, or a circuit court clerk would be able to initiate a petition, which would have to be signed by 20% of the residents of a library district, to go to an elected library board.

Special Election- A public question, to determine if a library would go to an elected board, would be placed at either the general, primary, or a special election. If a special election were selected, the library board would be responsible for the cost of the election.

Background- There are approximately 240 class 1 public libraries.

Special Elections- Expenses to run an election include: precinct election board per diem, rental of a facility for polling (if necessary), and/or voting equipment (if necessary.) Based on a small sample of Indiana counties, per diem for election board members range from \$65 to \$150 for inspectors and from \$40 to \$100 for judges, clerks, and sheriffs. However, a county may elect to combine precincts in order to mitigate costs during a special election, if certain qualifications are met.

Ballot Cost- Optical scan voting system ballots cost approximately \$0.30 each.

Explanation of Local Revenues:

State Agencies Affected: State Library

Local Agencies Affected: Circuit court clerk, CEB's, Class 1 library boards.

Information Sources: LOGODABA.

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